

CHAPTER MCCCL.

AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF JAMES PARKER, AN INSOLVENT DEBTOR
 CONFINED IN THE GAOL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADEL-
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(Section I, P. L.) Whereas James Parker a prisoner confined for debt in the gaol of the city and county of Philadelphia hath by his petition to this general assembly represented that by reason of his legal residence being without the limits of this state he is not entitled to the benefit of the general laws of this commonwealth for relief of insolvent debtors:

And whereas this house by a committee of their body have searched into the circumstances of the case and are willing to enable the petitioner to support himself and family by his industry:

[Section I.] (Section II, P. L.) Be it therefore enacted and it is hereby enacted by the Representatives of the Freemen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met and by the authority of the same, That the county court of common pleas in and for the county of Philadelphia be and they are hereby authorized and required upon the petition of the said James Parker to grant unto him relief in like manner and upon the same terms as by the laws of this commonwealth now in force is provided for insolvent debtors who are confined in execution for debt to any one person to the value of forty shillings and upwards, and the discharge thereupon to be made by the said court of the prisoner aforesaid shall be as valid and their proceedings as effectual to all intents as any discharge or proceeding in the case of any insolvent debtor under the existing laws of this commonwealth for the relief of insolvent debtors who severally are indebted or owe to any one creditor to the value of forty shillings and upwards, would or may be although the said James Parker may not have resided within this state for the space of two years next before his imprisonment or confinement aforesaid.

[Section II.] (Section III, P. L.) And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That if any creditor or creditors of the said James Parker doth or shall not reside within this state at the time of such proceedings before the said court that the service of notice of the application to the said court or of any rule or order of the same court in the premises on the known agent or attorney within this state of such creditor or creditors shall be equally good and effectual as if the same notice or notices was or were served on the person or persons of such creditor or creditors, but if such creditor or creditors shall have no such agent or attorney within this state, the said court on satisfactory proof that due diligence hath been used to find out such agent or attorney and that none can be found shall and may notwithstanding proceed to discharge the said James Parker in like manner as if such notice had been actually given.

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CHAPTER MCCCLI.

AN ACT FOR VESTING IN THOMAS GORDON, HIS HEIRS AND ASSIGNS CERTAIN ESTATES FORFEITED TO THIS COMMONWEALTH BY VIRTUE OF HIS ATTAINDER OF HIGH TREASON.

(Section I, P. L.) Whereas Thomas Gordon of the township of Oxford and county of Philadelphia was commanded by proclamation of the supreme executive council bearing date the twenty-second day of June which was in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine to surrender himself to some one of the justices of the supreme court or of the justices of the peace of one of the counties within this state on or before Thursday the fifth day of August then next following and also abide his legal trial on pain that he the said Thomas Gordon not rendering himself and abiding his legal trial as aforesaid should from and after the said fifth day of August one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine stand and be attainted of high treason and suffer such pains and pen-